



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Biodefense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) will be holding a public meeting via teleconference. The meeting is open to the public.

DATE: The NBSB will hold a public meeting on October 31, 2013, tentatively, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET. The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

ADDRESS: Individuals who wish to participate should send an email to NBSB@HHS.GOV with "NBSB Registration" in the subject line. The meeting will occur by teleconference. To attend via teleconference and for further instructions, please visit the NBSB website at WWW.PHE.GOV/NBSB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The National Biodefense Science Board mailbox: NBSB@HHS.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act ([42 U.S.C. 247d-7f](#)) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act ([42 U.S.C. 217a](#)), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The NBSB shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to HHS regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The NBSB may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary and/or the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: This public meeting via teleconference will be dedicated to the NBSB's deliberation and vote on the findings from the NBSB's Situational Awareness Working Group, and the NBSB's National Health Security Working Group. Subsequent agenda topics will be added as priorities dictate. Any additional agenda topics will be available on the NBSB's October 31, 2013, meeting webpage, available at WWW.PHE.GOV/NBSB.

Availability of Materials: The meeting agenda and materials will be posted prior to the meeting on the October meeting webpage at WWW.PHE.GOV/NBSB.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Members of the public are invited to attend by teleconference via a toll-free call-in phone number which is available on the NBSB website at WWW.PHE.GOV/NBSB. All members of the public are encouraged to provide written

comment to the NBSB. All written comments must be received prior to October 31, 2013, and should be sent by e-mail to NBSB@HHS.GOV with “NBSB Public Comment” as the subject line. Public comments received by close of business one week prior to each teleconference will be distributed to the NBSB in advance.

Dated: September 30, 2013.

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